Receipt date: 12/08/2009

Sheet



10587656 - GAU: 1793

PTO/SB/08a (08-08)

Approved for use through 09/30/2008, OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

 Complete if Known

 Application Number
 10/587,656

 Filling Date
 July 28, 2006

 First Named Inventor
 Toshimasa KUMAKI et al.

 Art Unit
 1793

 Examiner Name
 Jessee Randall ROE

 Attorney Docket Number
 065341.00011

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where	
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2 (If known)</sup>	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
		<sup>US-</sup> 6,503,340 B1	01-07-2003	Gold et al.		
		<sup>US-</sup> 3,853,603	12-10-1974	Obayashi et al.		
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
~=		US-				
		US-				
		US-				

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> "Number <sup>4</sup> "Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				T <sup>6</sup>
		UK 2204327 A	11-09-1988	Jurkov et al.		
		EP 1635087 A1	03-15-2006	Daido Kogyo KK, Honda Motor Co.		
		DE 2255997 A1	05-24-1973	Toyoda Chuo Kenkyusho KK		
		JP 51-030543	03-15-1976	Seikosha Co., Ltd.		

Examiner	t t	Date	02/10/2010
Signature	/Jessee Roe/	Considered	03/18/2010

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Receipt date: 12/08/2009 10587656 - GAU: 1793

PTO/SB/08b (08-08)
Approved for use through 09/30/2008. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

	o.o. ratorit and riadoritary office,	O.O. DEL THE THE OF COMMENTER COL
Inder the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995	no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it	contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO		Complete if Known			
				Application Number	10/587,656
INFC	RMATION	DIS	CLOSURE	Filing Date	July 28, 2006
STA	TEMENT E	BY A	PPLICANT	First Named Inventor	Toshimasa KUMAKI et al.
	(Use as many she	ate se ni	ocacean)	Art Unit	1793
	(Use as many site	eis as m	scessary)	Examiner Name	Jessee Randall ROE
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	065341.00011

		NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>
	And the state of t	European Search Report dated July 22, 2009	
		Japanese Office Action dated August 11, 2009	

Examiner	/leann Dee/	Date	00/40/0040	
Signature	/Jessee Roe/	Considered	03/18/2010	

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: